Warden Message U.S. Embassy Lusaka, Zambia December 20, 2005

The U.S. Embassy in Lusaka reminds American citizens in Zambia of the increased threat during the holiday season from both crime and terrorism. Historically, crime increases during the holiday season. The Embassy, therefore, urges American citizens to exercise extra caution when carrying cash, packages and/or valuables. The Department of State also remains concerned about the continued threat of terrorist attacks and other violent actions against U.S. citizens and interests overseas, and the possibility of extremists taking advantage of the holiday season to gain the maximum publicity for their acts. For more information, please refer to the Worldwide Caution Public Announcement of December 12, 2005, posted on the State Department website.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at http://travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Public Announcements, and Travel Warnings can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Zambia is located at the corner of Independence and United Nations Avenues. The mailing address is P.O. Box 31617, Lusaka, Zambia. U.S. citizens may contact the American Embassy during regular working hours Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 5 PM, and on Friday from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM by telephoning 260-1-250-955. The phone number for the after hours duty officer in the event of an emergency is 260-1-250-955 extension 1. The website is: http://zambia.usembassy.gov and the email address is consularlusaka@state.gov.

Have a safe and happy holiday!